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Amendments to the specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, after the underlined subheading Cross-Reference to Related Application, with the following amended paragraph:

This application ~~claims priority from~~ is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/DE00/03444 filed on September 27, 2000, which claims priority from German Patent Application No. 199 46 1422, filed on September 27, 1999, both of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.